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1. In January 1952 the Chinese Communists were using 11,000 civilian laborers to repair the Kunming-Fohai (100-26, 21-50) highway. The Liushun (100-53, 22-44) -Talo (100-03, 21-38) section of this highway was to be completely repaired by the end of February.
2. During August, in a meeting at Kunming, CH'EN Keng and a Burmese Communist decided to recruit all able-bodied men from Ch'eli (100-50, 21-58), Fohai and Nanchiao (100-11, 22-07). These men were recruited in January and sent to Manch'ia (98-13, 22-33) for four months of military training.
3. In January Chinese Communist authorities in the Yunnan-Burma border areas were commandeering food, supplies and money. Chinese Communist garrison troops in the border areas had increased.

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Comment. The Chinese Communist may use the Kunming-Talo highway to move troops and supplies for an attack on North Burma. With 20,000 troops and with air support the Chinese Communists could take Thailand in one month, using North Burma as a base. From Thailand the Chinese Communists could easily invade Malaya.

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1. Comment. Information available in this office does not indicate any Kunming-Fohai highway. Liushun is on a trail between Kunming and Mengma (99-23, 22-13) and Talo on an extension of the Kunming-Ch'eli trail. Fohai is not on either of these established trails. The field is being queried.

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Comment. [REDACTED] stated that during December 1951 Chinese Communist authorities in southern Yunnan were speeding up their program of recruiting soldiers, requisitioning livestock and collecting taxes from each village. The December quota for Mengk'an (101-09, 21-54) was 1,000 physically fit men and women, 100 horses, 200 cows, 100 pigs, and 4,000 silver dollars. The December quota for Menglung (101-23, 21-36) was 500 physically fit men and women, 200 horses, 100 pigs, 300 piculs of rice and 4,800 silver dollars. The recruits were to be assembled in Ch'eli Hsien, from where they were to be sent to Lashio, Burma, for training. The livestock requisitions and taxes had to be paid before 16 December.

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